

CAPSULE SUMMARY
2205 Old Washington Road (CH: 579)
Charles County, Maryland

Located in the town of Waldorf near the Baltimore and Potomac rail line, this small vernacular single dwelling reflects late-19th and early-20th century patterns of growth and development. Extensively altered, and presently in a severe state of deterioration, the building was erected on land historically known as Molly's Delight, which flanked the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad line. Molly's Delight was a large farm owned by Austin Montgomery in 1842. The four-room building was last occupied in 1979 by George Bowdish.

Constructed in the 1890s, the house is one-and-a-half stories in height and four bays wide. The foundation of the house is not visible. The wood frame dwelling is clad in wood German siding and an asphalt shingle side gable roof covers the house. A one-story, shed roof addition stands on the southwest elevation. A gravel driveway loops around the house at 2205 Old Washington Road with a high wood fence and mature trees between the building and the street.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH:579

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 2205 Old Washington Road not for publication _____
city or town Waldorf vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Charles County code 17 zip code 20601

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: _____

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Not Visible

Roof Side Gable: Asphalt Shingle

Walls Frame: Wood German Siding

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1890-1949

Significant Dates c. 1890

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

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Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 1.17 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 2205 Old Washington Road is designated as Parcel 301, Grid 6 as indicated on Map 8.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 2205 Old Washington Road has historically been associated with Parcel 301 since its construction circa 1890.

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11. Form Prepared By

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12. Property Owner

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name George F. Bowdish, et al (c/o GTR Investments Inc.)
street & number 2218 Old Washington Road telephone _____
city or town Waldorf state MD zip code 20601

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A gravel driveway loops around the now vacant house at 2205 Old Washington Road. A high wood fence and mature trees stand between the building and the street. Constructed in the 1890s, the house is one-and-a-half stories in height and four bays wide. The foundation of the house is not visible. The wood frame dwelling is clad in wood German siding and an asphalt shingle side gable roof covers the house. A one-story, shed roof addition stands on the southwest elevation.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The façade, or the northwest elevation of the building, is four bays in width. The four window openings have been boarded shut with plywood. At the center of the elevation is a single leaf, wood door with four panels. Square-edged wood surrounds frame the window and door openings. Detailing on the house includes wide eaves and wood corner boards. The northwest elevation of the one-story side addition is pierced by one window opening that has been boarded shut.

The one-story shed roof side addition extends across the entire first story of the southwest elevation. It is clad in wood board and batten siding and contains two, single leaf, wood-paneled doors. There is one replacement 1/1 aluminum window. An exterior end brick chimney with stucco stands on the exterior of the addition. A paired window pierces the half-story of the house. One half of the window has a replacement 1/1 aluminum and the other half has a four-pane upper sash over a missing lower sash.

The rear or southeast elevation is nearly invisible, due to heavy tree growth. There is a paired 2/2 window on the easternmost side of the elevation.

The northeast elevation is pierced by two window openings which have been boarded shut with plywood. There is a single leaf wood flush side passage entry. A shed roof hood supported by open wood brackets covers the entry. The half-story contains a paired window. One half of the paired window is empty and the other contains a replacement 1/1 aluminum window.

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Following the Civil War, railroads made the greatest impact upon community development, particularly the completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B & P) main line from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872. Small towns in southern Maryland grew when they became regular stops on the B & P line, and developed as service centers for the surrounding rural areas. The small village of Waldorf, which had a post office prior to 1872, grew to contain a Methodist Church, a school, two general stores, two saloons, and two hotels by 1887 as a direct result of the railroad terminal there. Among the town's 100 residents were a physician, two undertakers, a miller, and a station agent. Waldorf's success led to the decline of other neighboring villages, such as Beantown, Piney, Bolton, and Berry.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 2205 Old Washington Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Not Recommended X

Comments:

Review, OPS:  Date: 11/2/98

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

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Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

Property 1

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Land Records of Charles County
Liber BGS 4 Folio 69

August 10, 1899: Ella H. Berry and James Berry, and Ada T. Sasscer and Philip E. Sasscer, heirs of Theodore J. Smith, to Jacob Sherman
Land Records of Charles County
Liber BGS 10 Folio 68

Property 2

July 6, 1858: Robert S. Reeder, trustee, to Philip A. Sasscer
Land Records of Charles County
Liber JS 2 Folio 315

January 9, 1905: Philip E. and Ada T. Sasscer, Melissa and J.S. Turner, and Lola M. and George F. Smith, to Henry Portzner
Land Records of Charles County
Liber FDM 15 Folio 656

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Land Records of Charles County
Liber 17 Folio 377

Property 1 and 2

May 27, 1921: Walter J. Mitchell, trustee for Sherman heirs, to Benjamin F. Solida
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Liber 38 Folio 61

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August 23, 1979:	Lillian A. Clark, personal representative of the estate of Madge M. Bowdish (surviving tenant by entirety of George F. Bowdish), to GTR Investments, Inc. PARCELS 1 and 2 Land Records of Charles County Liber 669 Folio 39

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Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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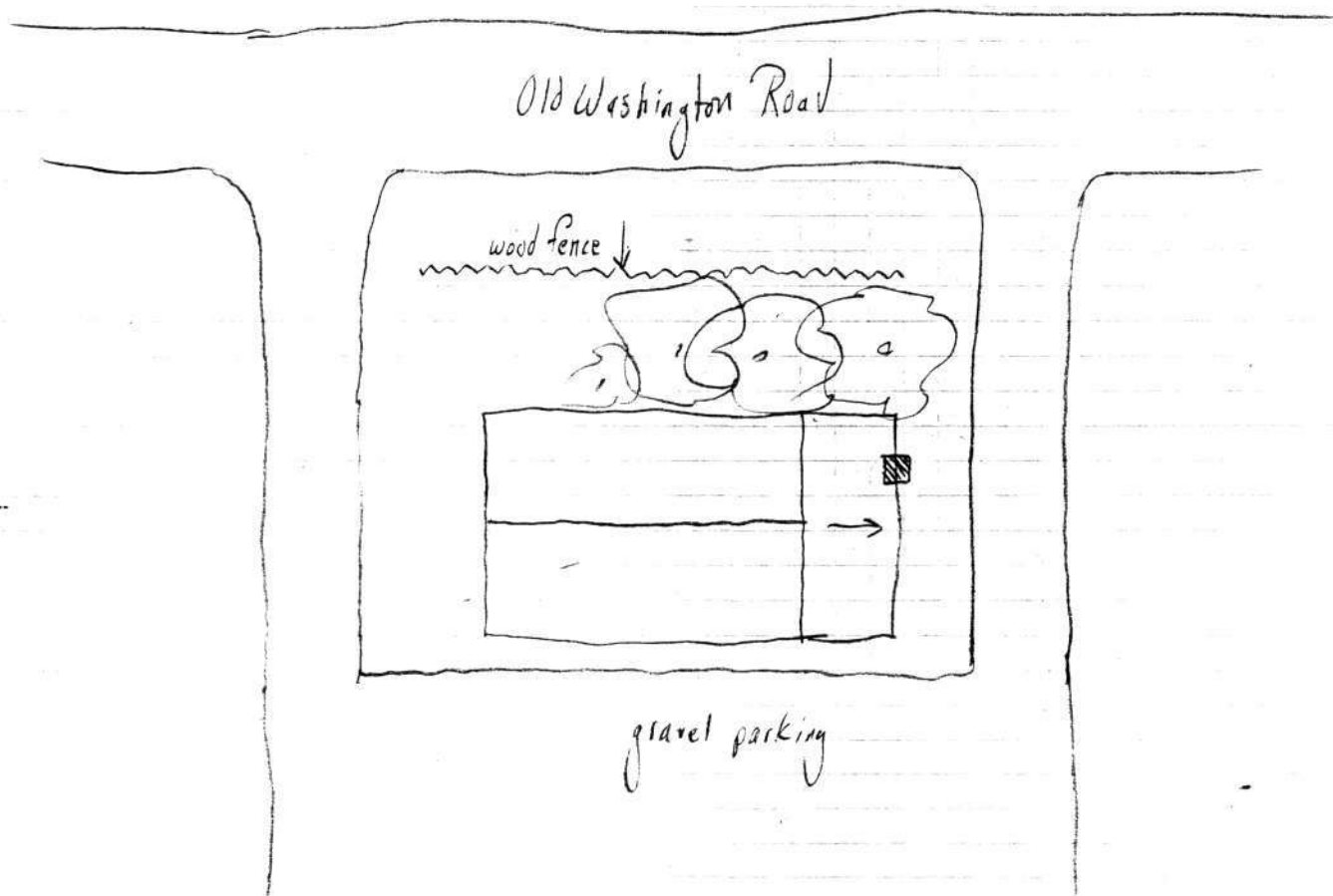
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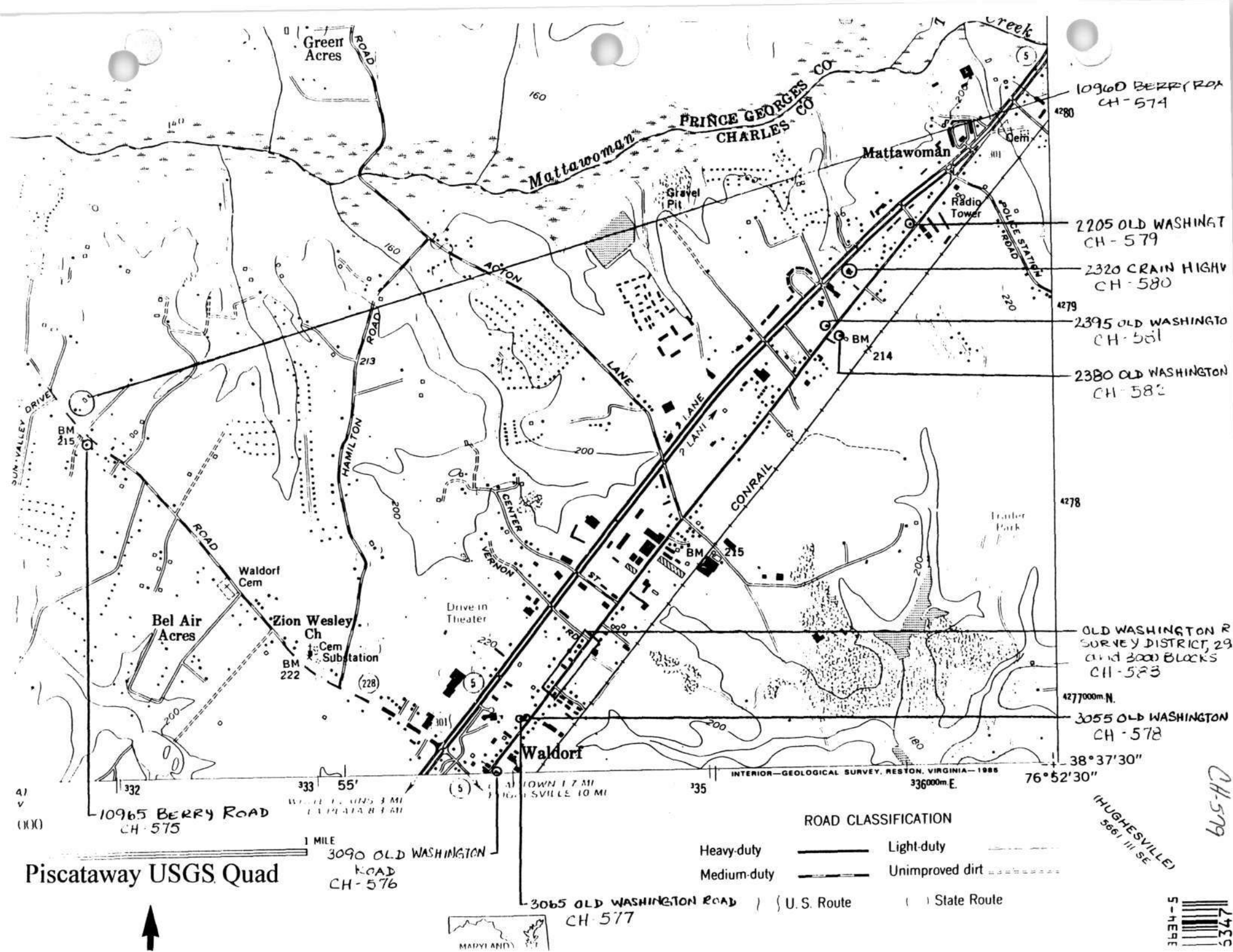
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Resource Sketch Map Not Drawn to Scale 1999

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JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

southeast elevation

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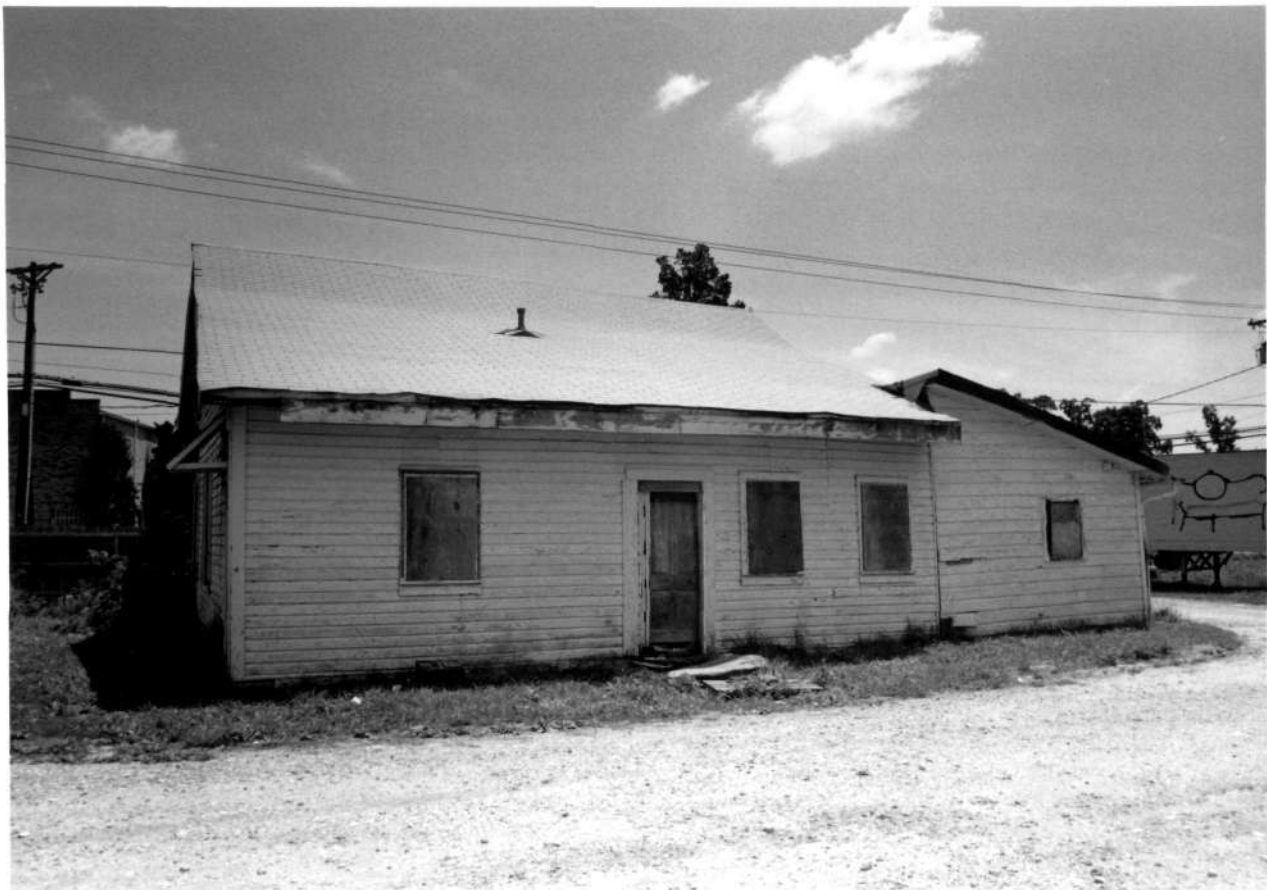
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MD SHPO

northeast elevation

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northwest elevation
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TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SAPO

southwest elevation

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